

In regards to this petition, I favor it, as I feel that the Novice and Advanced Class Licensees should have been automatically upgraded in the last License Reorganization done by the FCC.

I feel that the FCC simply abandoned the Novices, ignoring the possibility that to upgrade them so that they could use all the bands above 50 mHz. may have redeveloped their interest and reactivated many of the inactive Amateur Operators holding Novice Licenses.

With the proposed redistribution of the Novice HF bands, I feel many of these people will simply abandon Amateur Radio.

I also feel it was a mistake to stop issuing licenses for the Novice and Advanced Classes and yet allow those holding the licenses to continue to hold them indefinitely. I feel these people should have been automatically upgraded to the next class license.

As for the 20 year experience to upgrade these people, I feel is ridiculous. I feel that the people should be AUTOMATICALLY UPGRADED unless of course, they were the subject of violations substantiated by the FCC.